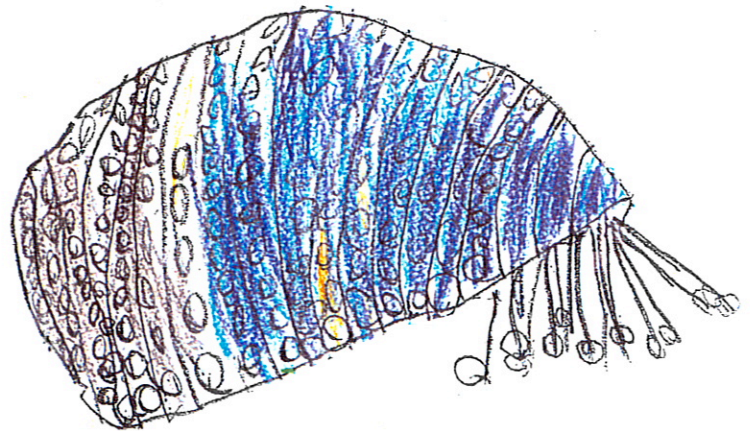




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To Ocean Animals
Of Maine



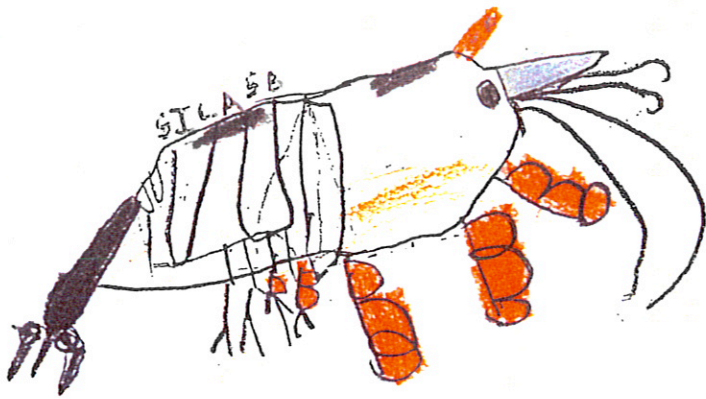
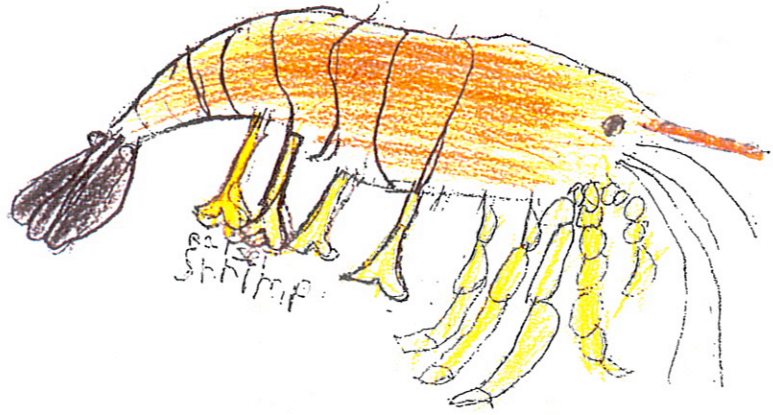
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Welcome to the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad. We hope you are enjoying your ride on the train.

As you look out at the water from the train car, you can see the Atlantic Ocean. We have studied some of the animals that live in the ocean in Maine. We looked at real animals and we read a lot of books about them. Then we drew ten different animals. Each of us worked really hard on the shape and the color of our animals, and we tried to make them look as if they were real. If you go to the beach while you are in Maine, you might see some of the animals that you've read about in this book!



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The Shrimp

Shrimp have see through bodies. Each shrimp has a rostrum, which is a pointy thing like a beak. They eat algae, plankton and other shrimp.



The Mussel

Mussels live on rocks and they hold onto the rocks with tiny threads. They eat plankton. Mussel shells are blue and purple with some black and white marks on them.

The Starfish

Starfish have 5 arms. If they lose an arm, it grows back. Starfish like to eat sand dollars and mussels and clams. When they are eating animals that live in a shell, they open the shells with their arms.



The Sea Urchin

Sea urchins have spines to protect themselves. Live sea urchins are black and purple and even a little green and red. If you find a dried sea urchin shell at the beach, it will probably look green.



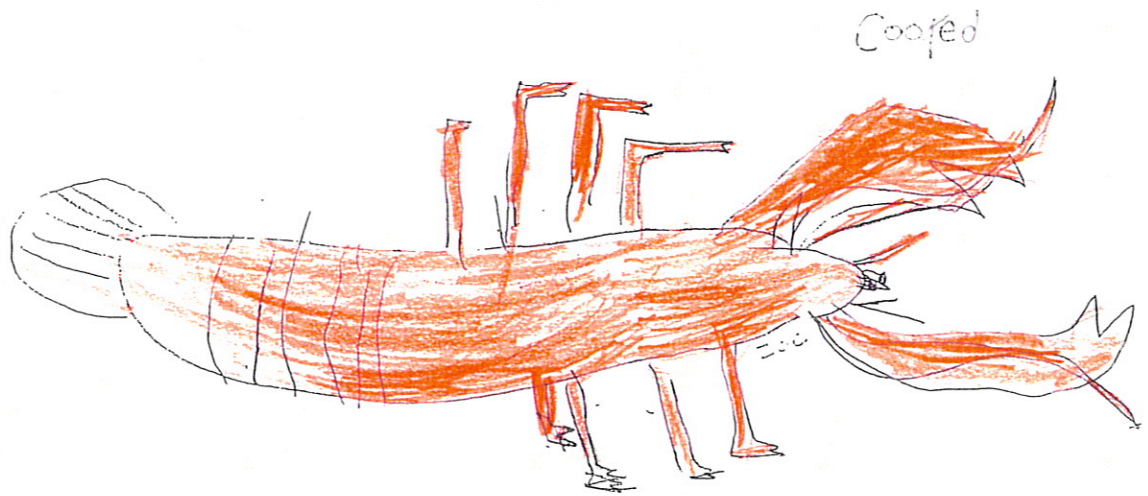
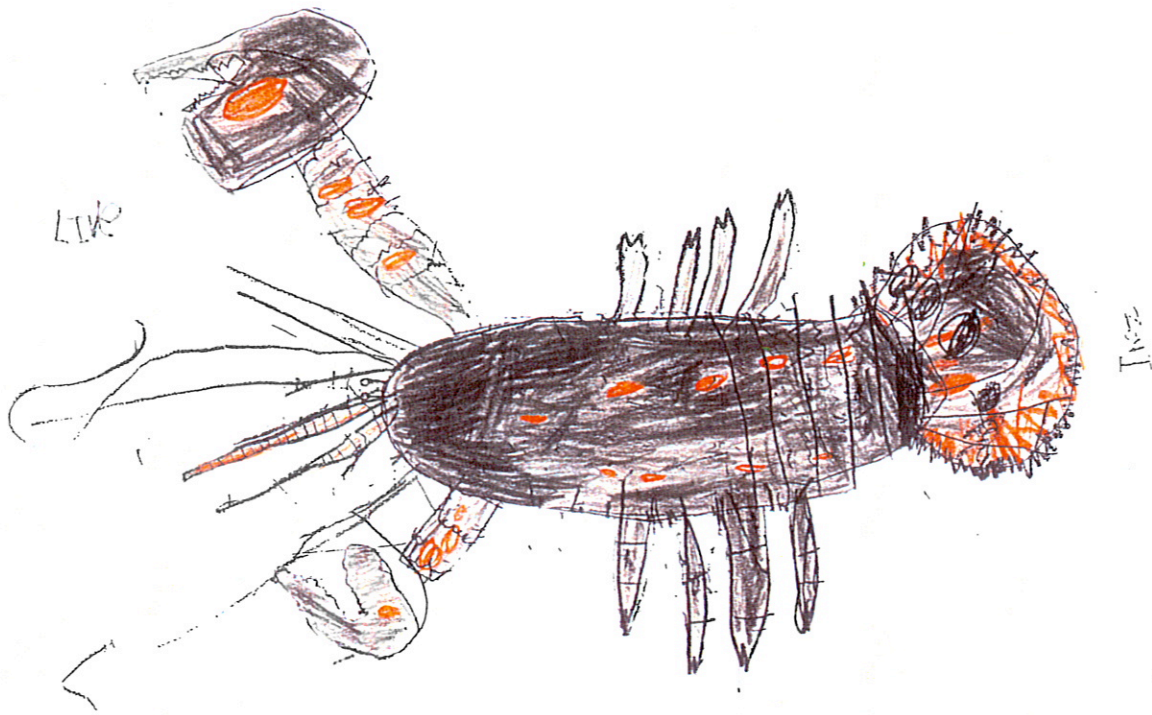


The Periwinkle

Periwinkles can stick to rocks with their suction cups. When they are afraid, they pull into their shell and shut their trap door to protect themselves. Periwinkles eat plants called algae.



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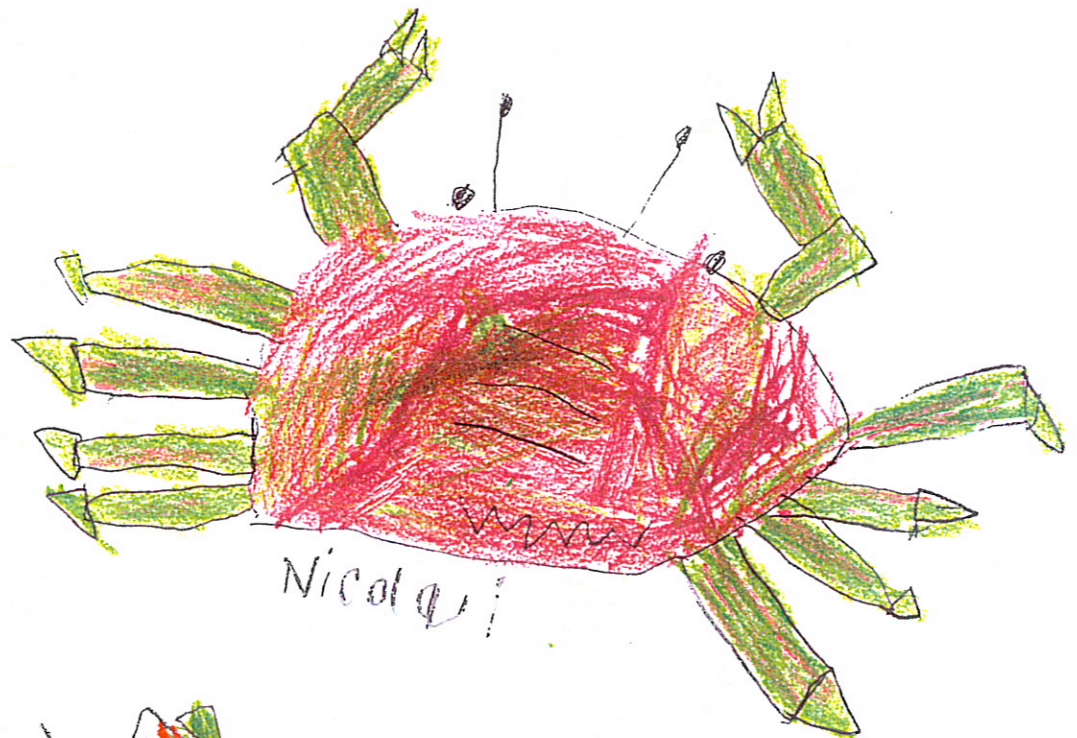


The Lobster

Lobsters have 8 legs and 2 claws. They eat almost anything. Lobsters have a shell to protect themselves. When a lobster is alive its shell is black with orange marks, but when it is cooked the shell turns red.

The Crab

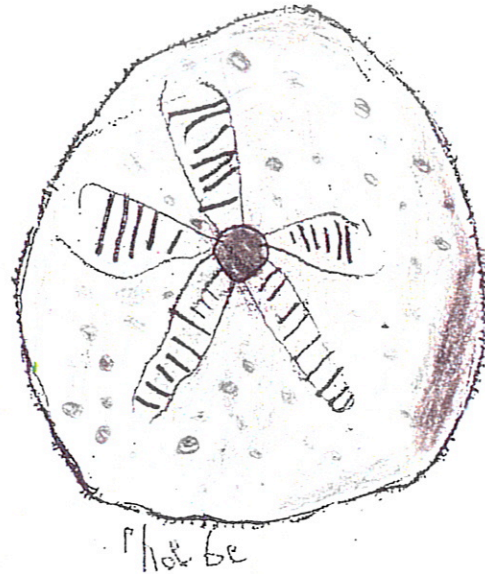
Crabs have 8 legs and 2 claws. They like to eat many things, even dead fish. Crabs walk sideways and backwards at the bottom of the ocean.



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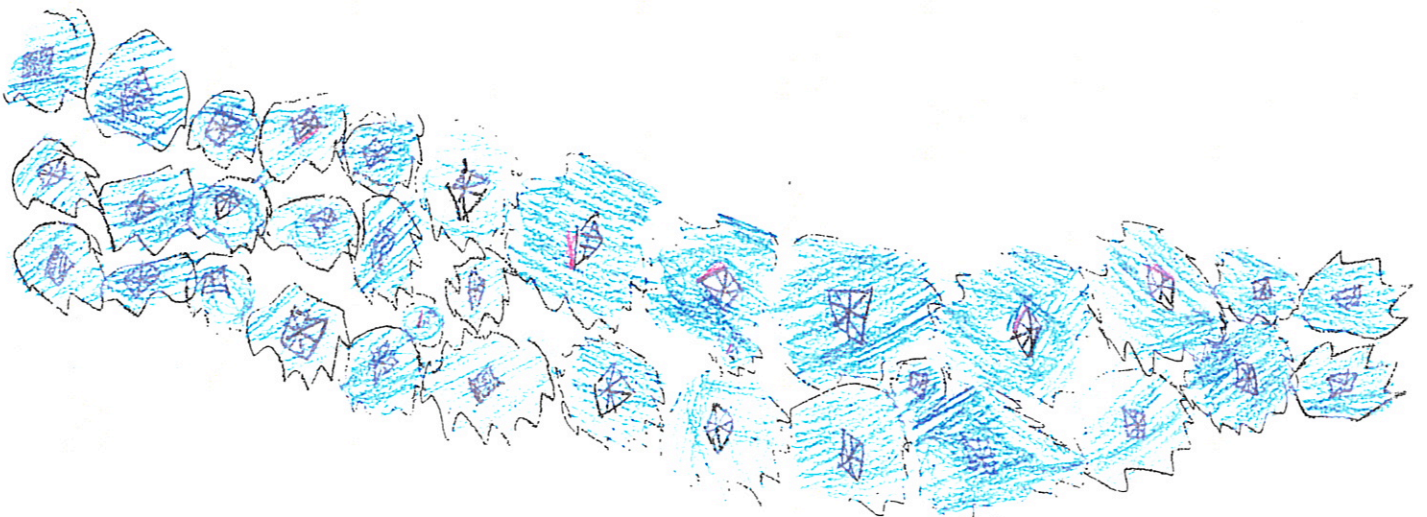
The Sand Dollar

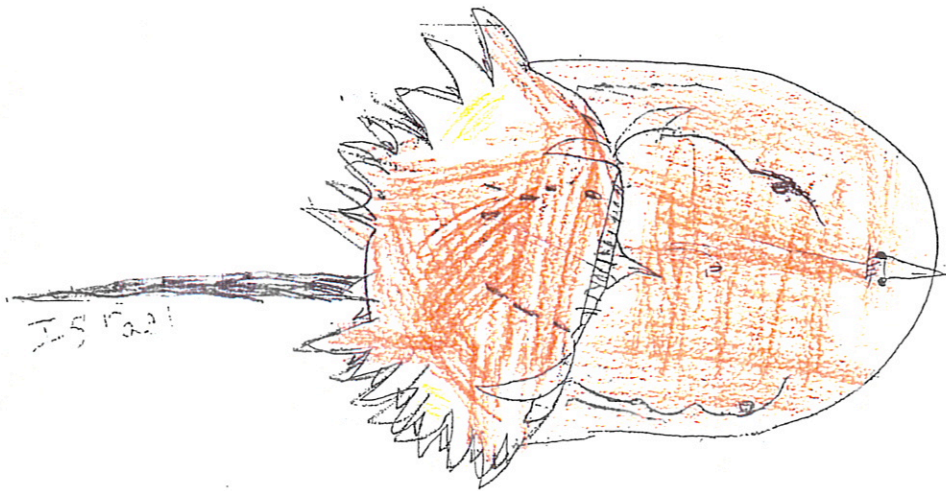
Sand dollars like to live under the sand at the bottom of the ocean. Live sand dollars are purplish, but if you find a dead one it will look gray or white. Sand dollars have tiny little spines that look like hairs.



The Barnacle

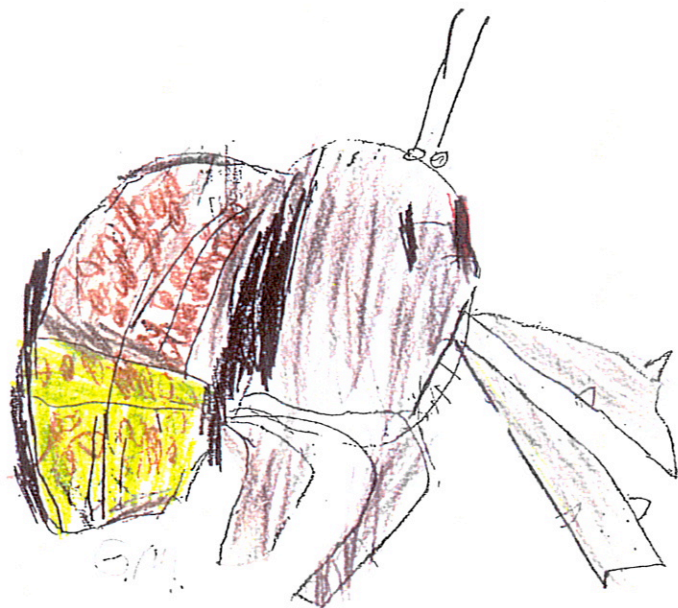
Barnacles live on rocks in tide pools. When the water gets low in the tide pool, a barnacle can hold a drop of water in its shell and shut its mouth so it doesn't dry out. Barnacles like to eat plankton.





The Horseshoe Crab

Horseshoe crabs eat clams, mussels, and worms. They dig in the sand to find the animals they eat, and they use their legs to grind and crush the shells so they can get to the animals inside.



The Hermit Crab

Hermit crabs live in shells. When they get too big for the shell they are living in, they move to a bigger shell. Hermit crabs like to eat mussels, plankton and dead fish. They like to hide under rocks.

